

## BGI: SUPPORT FOR LGS DESIGNATIONS

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### LGS 5: Rear Garden of Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road

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Subject: Letter in support of Designated Local Green Spaces.

[REDACTED] (Redfrog)

Dear [REDACTED],

I write to express my concern that Camden Arts Centre is apparently hoping to gain planning permission to build in their beautiful garden adjacent to their cafe.

Little by little our green spaces in Hampstead are being eroded.

As soon as buildings encroach on our few remaining green spaces, trees then threaten to undermine the foundations of these new buildings, so we lose the trees and all the wild life that is dependent upon them.

The main reason that Hampstead is still a desirable place to live, is precisely because it still has green spaces and trees, which harbour valuable wild life.

When I first moved to my present address in Hampstead in 1983, we always heard owls hooting in the tall trees. One by one large trees are being felled and we rarely hear owls anymore. This is just one small example of how removing one tree, or part of one green space, impacts on much more than just the item that has been removed.

We rely on trees to counteract air pollution and to visually shield us from ever taller high rise buildings.

I strongly support the Forum's application to designate the garden of Camden Arts Centre as a Local Green Space. Opposite it, in the already highly polluted Finchley Road, we have a massive 10 storey building, which was built without a garden or space for any greenery. We cannot let this type of over development to continue.

Once a piece of land is built on, the green space is lost for ever.

The London Borough of Camden needs to have the vision and foresight to plan for the future, and to protect our few remaining green spaces, by ensuring that they are preserved for perpetuity.

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[REDACTED] Gardens, London, NW3 6PX.

Sent from my iPad

Whilst agreeing that the CAC garden provides a valuable green space for the public and wildlife habitat, we would like the Plan under section BGI5 to make specific reference to the wider important use as a space for events, artists' residencies, performances and the exhibiting of art as part of the wider Centre programme. Additionally, it is utilised for our education projects, including our courses for all ages, schools projects (including for local disadvantaged and disabled young people), families and youth programmes. All of this programme benefits both local people, and attracts audiences and visitors from the UK and abroad, as specified in our charitable mission (charity number 1065829) and as an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation. CAC has worked hard to maintain and enhance the value of this green space, including working with professional gardeners long-term, keeping an intentionally wild area, working with a tree specialist for safe upkeep of damaged trees and replanting new trees, all whilst ensuring an appropriate balance of artistic integration, including creative projects that have directly engaged with this habitat.